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REMARKS:

REMARKS REGARDING CLAIMS AMENDMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND ADDITIONS:

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, allowance of claim 26.

Claims 1 – 6, 12 – 15, 19 and 25 have been Canceled and claims 7, 8, 9 and 16 amended to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Claims pending in the present application include claims 7 – 9, claims 16 and 20 – 24 and claim 26, which was earlier allowed.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION:

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

According to the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 6, 14, 16 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pfaff et al.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 14, and 25 have been Canceled and claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19, which claim was objected to but deemed allowable by amendment to include the limitations of claim 16.

The Office Action further indicated rejection of claims 3 – 6, 12 – 14, 16 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fischer.

Claims 3 – 6, 12 – 14 and 25 have been Canceled and claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19, which claim was objected to but deemed allowable by amendment to include the limitations of claim 16 from which it depended.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 2, 3, 15, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being unpatentable over Pfaff et al. or Fischer in view of Haegele et al.

Claims 2, 3, 15, 17 and 18 have been Canceled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Applicants acknowledge notification that rewriting claims 7 - 9 and 19 - 24 would provide allowable claims.

In response, claims 7 – 9 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 6 from which they depended previously.

Cancellation of claim 19 and amendment of claim 16 provides an allowable claim including the limitations of claim 19 and claim 16 from which claim 19 depended previously. With the amendment of claim 16, as indicated, original claims 20 – 24 should also be allowable as they now depend from an allowable, amended claim 16.

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Amendment of claims 7 – 9 and 16 overcomes objection to place claims 7 – 9, 16 and 20 – 24 in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of objection with notification of allowance of claims 7 – 9, 16 and 20 – 24 in the next paper from the Office.

Applicants have made an earnest attempt cancel claims and amend claims to place the application in condition for allowance. Consequently, request is respectfully made for reconsideration of the application and notification of the allowance of claims 7 – 9, 16 and 20 – 24 along with claim 26 that was previously allowed.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Order No. 07589.0130.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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